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October 21, 1969

Assistant Attorney General
Internal Security Division

1 - Mr. McDonough

Director, FBI

ASSASSINATION OF MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

Reference is made to your letter dated October 15, 1969, entitled "Harold Weisberg" wherein you advised that Mr. Weisberg, pursuant to his request, was interviewed by a Departmental attorney. According to your letter, during the course of the interview on October 8, 1969, Mr. Weisberg advised that he had recently received a telephone call from J. B. Stoner, National Chairman of the National States Rights Party. He said that Mr. Stoner told him that two men in his Party formerly served as informants of the FBI. Mr. Stoner allegedly said that these two men are prepared to testify in court that the FBI offered them $25,000 to frame James Earl Ray for the assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr. Mr. Weisberg said that the testimony presumably would be furnished in a habeas corpus proceeding.

In order that the record will be correct, there is no basis to the allegation that the FBI offered money to anyone to frame James Earl Ray for the murder of Martin Luther King, Jr.

1 - Assistant Attorney General
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NOTE:

See Memorandum Rosen to DeLoach 10/20/69, captioned "MURKIN."

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